

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Nancy Lewis with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Councilor Jerome made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting on February 4, 2014. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 6, 2014, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2014." Matt Caldwell, Director of Operations and Finance, and Fire Chief Allmon presented this ordinance requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,250,000.00 for two (2) fire apparatuses. Matt explained the city went through a bid process in 2013; however, due to time constraints and cumbersome specification requirements the process was determined to be unsuccessful. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2014, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.14 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, ANIMAL CARE SERVICES MANAGER." Police Chief Maddix and Deputy Chief Harry presented this ordinance. Deputy Chief Harry explained the ordinance would remove Animal Care Services from the control of the Police Department and place under a separate entity which would report to the Mayor. There would also be a title change from Manager to General Manager. Deputy Chief Harry stated the most significant reason to take Animal Care Services from the Police Department is the necessity of volunteers at Animal Care Services. If they were to remain under the Police Department and following CALEA standards all volunteers would be required to meet the same standards as Police Department volunteers, which would be background investigations, citizens

academy, etc. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2014, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.50.010 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, BOARD OF WORKS POWERS AND DUTIES." Chief Maddix and Deputy Chief Harry presented this ordinance by explaining the changes refer to the administrative body. In the amended ordinance Animal Care Services would report to the Board of Public Works and Safety, rather than the Police Department. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2014, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.54.020 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, ANIMAL CARE SERVICES COMMISSION, MEMBERSHIP." Chief Maddix and Deputy Chief Harry presented this ordinance. Deputy Chief Harry stated the changes include increasing Animal Care Services Commission members from six (6) to seven (7) members, with one of those members being an active member of the Columbus Police Department. Discussion followed regarding language in the ordinance stating all seven members would be appointed by the mayor. Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, explained this section does need to be revised. He will send out an amended ordinance for Council review prior to the next Council meeting. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels with the understanding that the wording be corrected. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Other Business

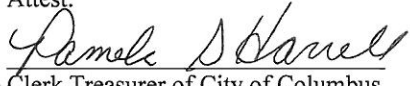
- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Shuffett made a motion to reappoint four (4) commissioners to the Human Rights Commission, they are Gil Palmer, John Roberts, Trena Carter and Rhea Baker-Ipek. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion Items:
 - 1) Marc Nehring with Waste Servant presented information regarding his local recycling service. He plans to contact all Councilmen to receive their opinions on how the service can be improved.
 - 2) Mayor stated the Columbus Redevelopment Commission has received the final recommendations from the parking consultants and the local steering committee on how to improve downtown parking. Mayor will include this on the Council agenda for March 4, 2014 as a discussion item.
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.**
- D. Councilor Bunch made a motion to approve cancellation of outstanding checks prior to December 31, 2011, for a total of

\$1,230.92. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Councilor Brand reported, at the request of the Columbus Park Board, the Council has retained an attorney to review state statute governing the Park Board. Councilor Brand provided a copy of the Agreement with Darla S. Brown, of Sturgeon & Brown, P.C., to the Clerk Treasurer to be included in the official minutes.
- F. Councilor Bunch made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 P.M.



Presiding Officer

Attest:


Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus